



Access & Accommodation Services: Registration form for Service Animal

Today's Date: _____

Please read the following:

Genesee Community College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in allowing use of service animals for students, employees, and visitors. The ADA defines a service animal as any dog (or in some cases a miniature horse) that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Tasks performed can include, among other things: pulling a wheelchair, retrieving dropped items, alerting a person to a sound, reminding a person to take medication, or pressing an elevator button. Other species of animals, whether trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or task performed by a service animal must be directly related to the person's disability. Under the ADA, colleges and universities must allow people with disabilities to bring their service animals into all areas of the facility that are open to the public or to students.

Genesee Community College asks that students with service animals register their animal with our office of Access & Accommodation Services. This is to document the presence of the animal within the campus environment and provide contact information for the handler should the handler and animal be separated under any circumstances.

Types of Service Animals:

- A) Guide Dog is a carefully trained dog who serves as a travel tool by people with severe visual impairments or who are blind.
- B) Hearing Dog is a dog who has been trained to alert a person with significant hearing loss or who is deaf when a sound (such as a doorbell) occurs.
- C) Service Dog is a dog that has been trained to assist a person who has a mobility or health impairment. Types of duties the dog may perform include carrying, fetching, opening doors, ringing doorbells, activating elevator buttons or steadying a person while walking. Service dogs may also be referred to as assistance dogs.
- D) SSigDog is a dog trained to assist a person with autism. The dog alerts the handler to distracting repetitive movements common among those with autism, allowing the person to stop the movement. A person with autism may have problems with sensory input and need the same support services from a dog that might be given to a person who is hearing or vision impaired.



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E) Seizure Alert/Response Dog is a dog trained to assist a person with a seizure disorder; how the dog serves the person depends on the person's needs. The dog may stand guard over the person during the seizure, indicate to their handler in advance of a seizure, or the dog may go for help.

F) Psychiatric Service Dog is a dog trained in helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors.

Guidelines for Service Animals on campus:

- Service Animals must be accompanied by the owner at all times
- Service Animals must be restrained on a leash at all times
- Service Animals must be responsive to voice commands and be under the full control of the owner
- To the extent possible the Service Animal should be unobtrusive to others and the learning environment

Please complete the following:

Student Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Other names we may know you by: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Name of Service Animal: _____

Please provide a picture of your animal via email to AccessServices@genesee.edu

Is the service animal required because of a disability? (Circle) Yes No

What work or task has the animal been trained to perform? _____



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Emergency Contact Information:

Should you experience an emergency of any kind on campus, or you and your animal are separated, whom should we contact?

Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

State & Zip Code: _____

Best phone number to contact: _____

Handler Responsibilities

- The handler is responsible for immediate clean-up and proper disposal of all animal waste. It is the responsibility of the handler to remove the waste from college grounds, dispose of it in a plastic bag, and then place that bag in a waste container outside.
- The animal shall be vaccinated in accordance with state and local laws.
- Genesee Community College will not require any surcharges or fees for approved animals. A handler, however, may be charged for damage caused by the service animal to the same extent that Genesee Community College would normally charge a person for the damage they cause. A person who brings an animal onto college property has all the responsibilities and liabilities placed on a person by any applicable law when that person owns or uses any animal, including liability for any damage done by the animal.

I have read this document in its entirety and understand its contents.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____